

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - MARCH, 1959

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st December, 1958 -

Males - 366,356 Females - 347,227 Persons - 713,583

Metropolitan Statistical Division at 31st December, 1958 -

Persons - 387,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

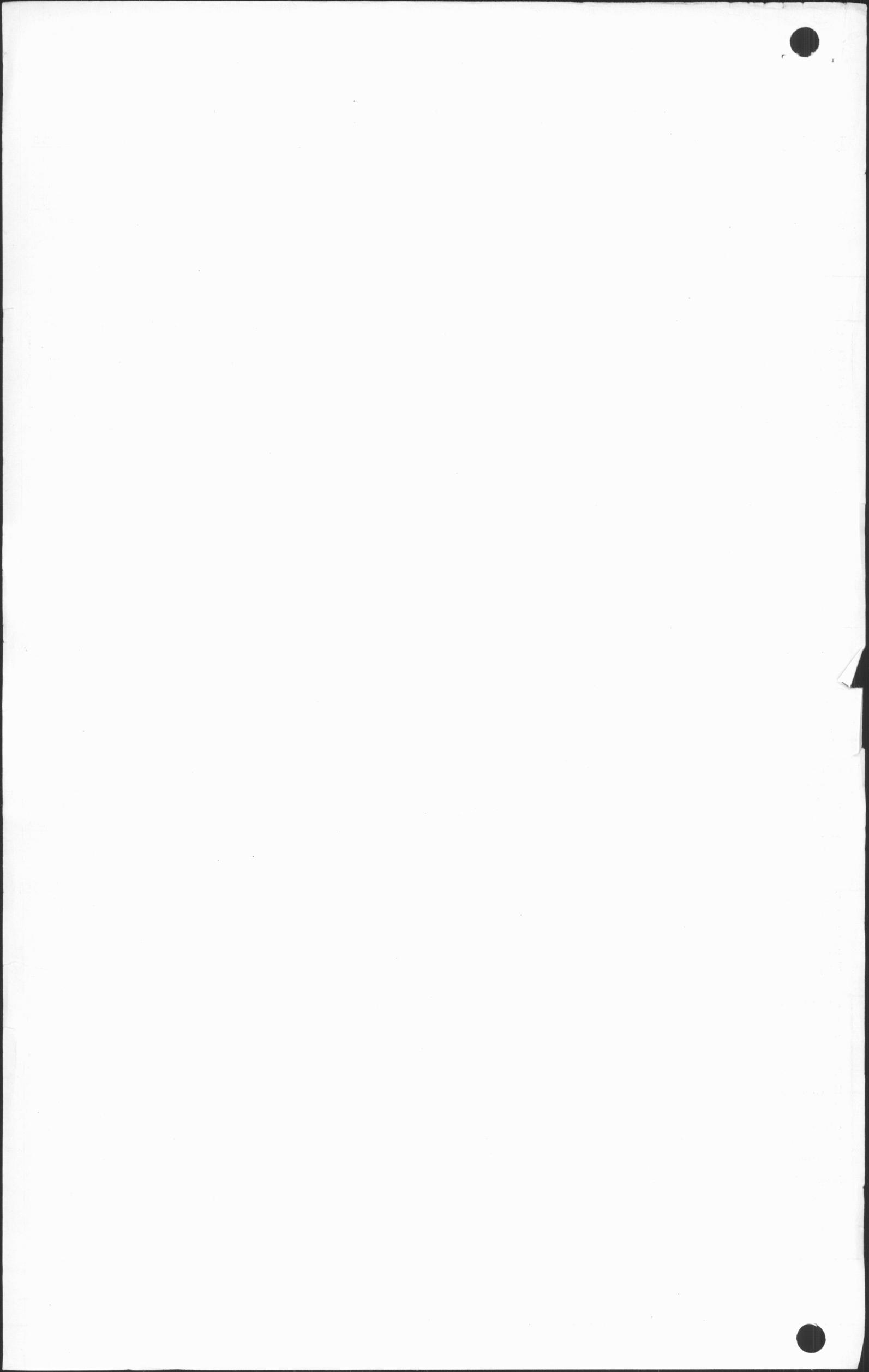
	FEBRUARY		Two Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Marriages - Number	480	415	973	946
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	8.76	7.72	8.43	8.35
Births - Number	1,338	1,415	2,747	2,947
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	24.41	26.32	23.79	26.02
Deaths - Number	370	376	755	863
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	6.75	6.99	6.54	7.62
Infant }- Number	23	32	55	57
Mortality) * Rate per 1,000 Live Births	17.19	22.61	20.02	19.34

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

Tuberculosis	-	5	3	6
Malignant neoplasms	70	80	133	151
Diabetes mellitus	5	4	7	8
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	2	3	2
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	47	49	99	117
Diseases of the heart	118	103	231	251
Hypertension with heart disease	7	10	13	20
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	2	1	5	5
Arteriosclerosis	5	6	14	21
Influenza	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	8	11	12	28
Bronchitis	5	-	9	6
Other respiratory diseases	4	1	5	8
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	2	4	6
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	2	2	6	4
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	2	-	3
Cirrhosis of the liver	1	3	3	5
Nephritis and nephrosis	4	1	6	4
Disease of the prostate	2	3	7	14
Maternal causes	-	1	-	1
Diseases of early infancy	13	21	32	39
Motor vehicle accidents	13	15	32	33
Other accidents	21	19	41	40
Suicide	7	6	12	18
All other causes	33	29	78	73
Total:	370	376	755	863

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

† Deaths under one year.



LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the three months ended March, 1959, totalled 337,581 acres, a decrease of 9,409 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 6,803,668 acres, an increase of 6,590,058 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1958.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,248,247	4,457,223	41,597,866	39,455,094
Revenue per Head of Population	5. 18. 9	6. 7. 2	58. 10. 11	56. 12. 9
Expenditure	4,764,307	4,542,038	46,374,263	43,160,385
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 13. 2	6. 9. 7	65. 5. 5	61. 19. 1

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of March, 1959, amounted to £69,092,151 or £96-9-11 per head of population as against £64,555,170 or £92-0-9 per head at the end of March, 1958.

BANK CLEARANCES

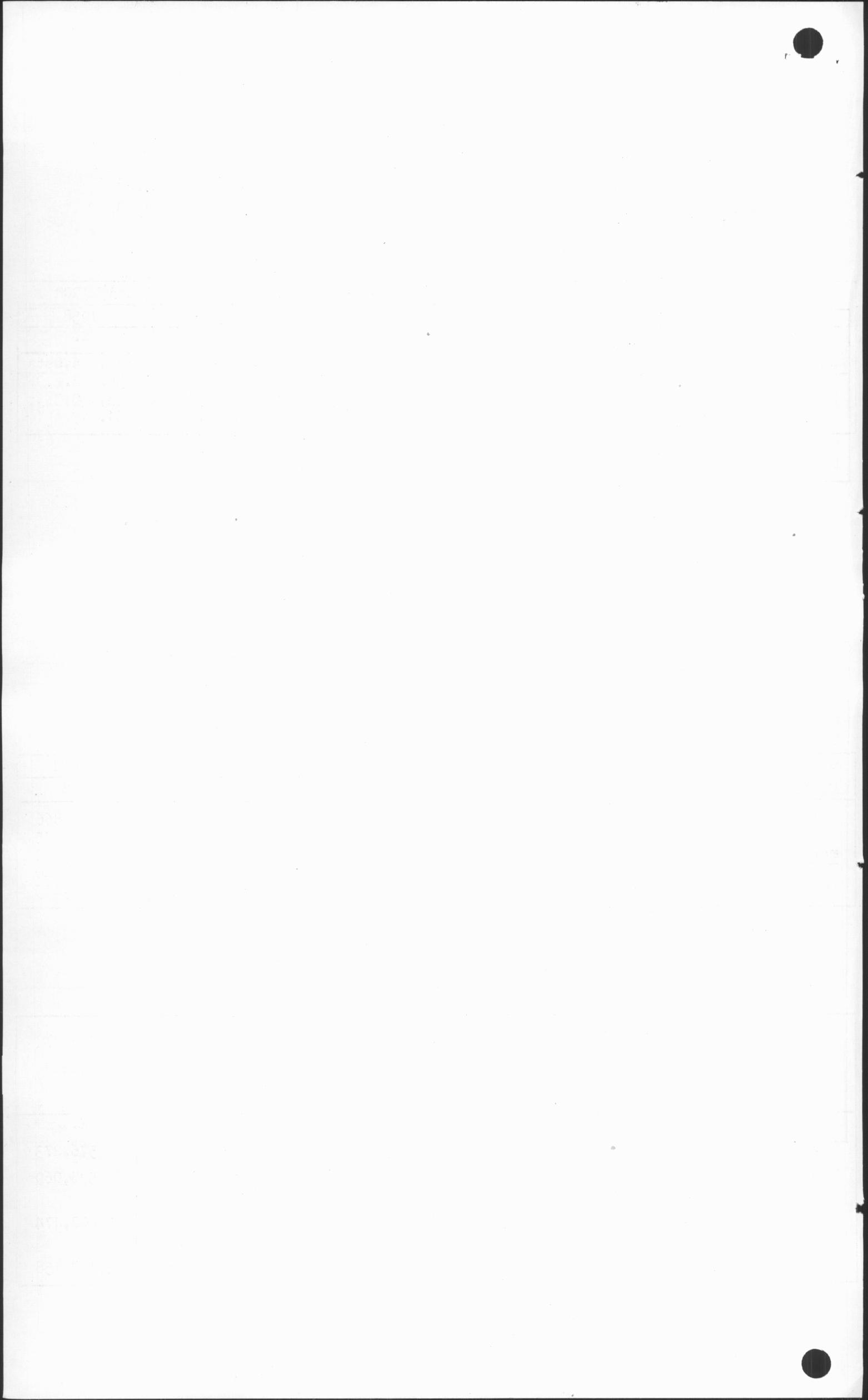
The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 25th March, 1959, amounted to £16,984,867 compared with £16,513,406 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Transfers	No. 1,522	1,760	14,158	14,866
	£. 2,676,126	3,277,254	23,581,656	25,811,075
Mortgages	No. 1,204	1,401	10,950	11,138
	£. 2,729,238	2,463,960	21,488,925	21,053,640
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 882	1,074	8,147	8,495

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS
AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
March, 1959	£. 3,104,774	£. 2,537,395	£. 10,301,217	£. 576,273
March, 1958	4,064,185	2,177,160	10,802,592	538,069
Nine Months ended March, 1959	35,403,916	27,440,746	89,963,319	5,402,474
Nine Months ended March, 1958	35,101,277	25,069,738	95,964,189	5,138,758



COMPANIES REGISTERED

168 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £8,224,852 and 89 Foreign Companies were registered during the nine months ended March, 1959. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 213 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £8,639,000 and 80 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Nine Months ended MARCH					
	1959			1958		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	85	284,680	80,914	83	154,041	46,781
Deeds of Assignment (a)	67	365,922	317,735	71	388,295	358,446
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Gross Earnings (a)*	£.	1,168,300	1,050,100	8,719,200
Operating Expenses (a)	£.	1,181,105	1,251,952	9,795,360
Train Miles Run	No.	618,947	585,121	5,009,908
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 100,694	(c) 107,697	(d) 760,892
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train	No.	1,465,857	1,392,757	9,698,875
Motor Bus	No.	19,830	20,341	175,984
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods		358,710	309,379	2,265,416
Livestock		10,681	8,527	109,223
Departmental (Free Freight)		61,684	53,100	482,725
	Total:	431,075	371,006	2,857,364
				2,708,595
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods		58,307,016	48,435,268	371,042,239
Livestock		1,300,820	1,077,617	14,603,103
Departmental (Free Freight)		5,187,643	4,600,573	44,306,830
	Total:	64,795,479	54,113,458	429,952,172
				409,489,200

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

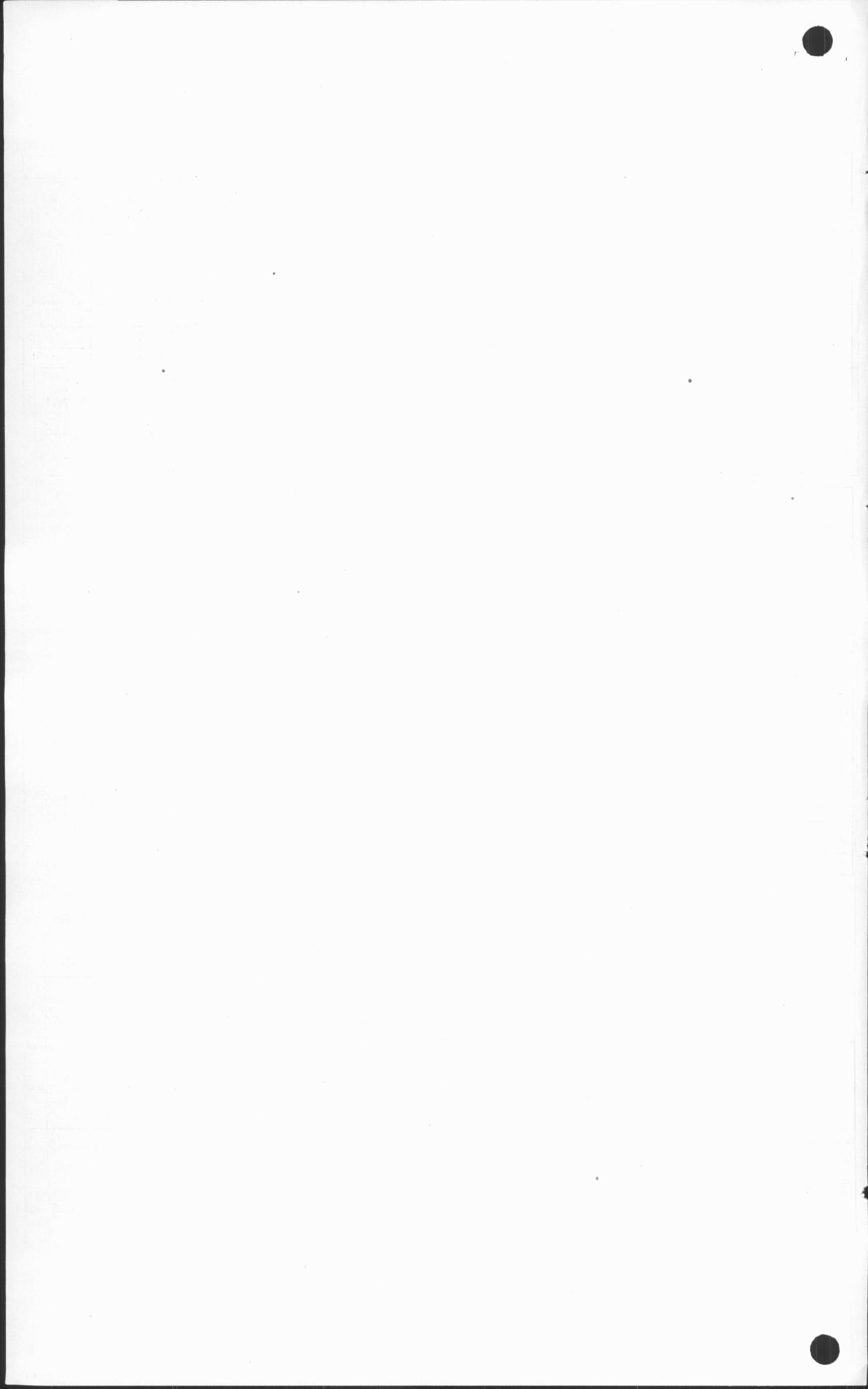
(b) Four weeks ended 31st January.

(c) Four weeks ended 1st February.

(d) Period 1st July to 31st January.

(e) Period 1st July to 1st February.

* Figures subject to revision.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1954	6,499	161	2,326	34	736	11,667	217	5,866	70	1,267
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
<u>1959 -</u>										
January	435	77	180	-	149	732	118	419	3	182
February	446	68	153	-	166	719	108	398	10	214

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1956 -</u>								
June	(b) 61,835	(b) 24,169	548	9,253	(b) 98,875	(b) 64,430	1,175	13,873
December	(b) 64,158	(b) 24,641	553	9,133	(b) 101,708	(b) 64,765	1,189	13,551
<u>1957 -</u>								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
<u>1958 -</u>								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
<u>1959 -</u>								
January	74,068	25,172	560	8,870	115,044	65,100	1,082	12,826
February	74,286.	25,139	564	8,961	115,371	65,174	1,175	12,971

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

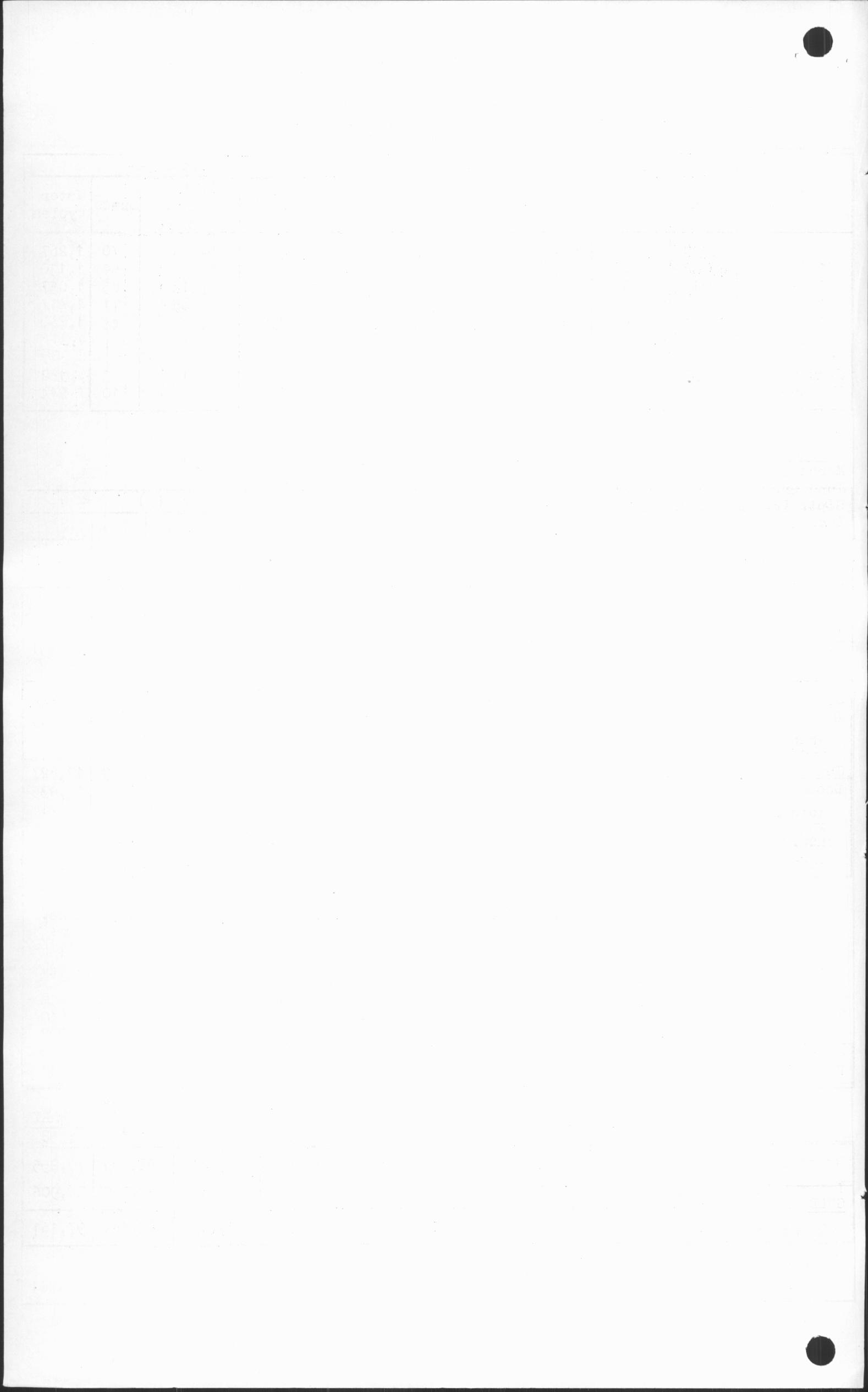
(b) Prior to June, 1957, Station Wagons are included with Utilities, Vans, Trucks.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

(£,000)

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Oversea	3,368	4,990	32,636	30,943	9,640	7,821	62,399	70,255
Interstate	8,625	7,364	65,568	62,784	3,163	3,948	22,770	26,906
Total:	11,993	12,354	98,204	93,727	12,803	11,769	85,169	97,161



BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
<u>1958 -</u>										
March Qr.	249	700	1,057	3,233	28	356	162	2,144	1,496	6,433
June Qr.	369	1,086	1,122	3,379	35	515	185	1,508	1,711	6,488
Sept. Qr.	210	601	1,139	3,483	35	422	171	5,200	1,555	9,706
Dec. Qr.	543	1,497	1,320	3,883	48	558	196	1,883	2,107	7,821

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residential excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

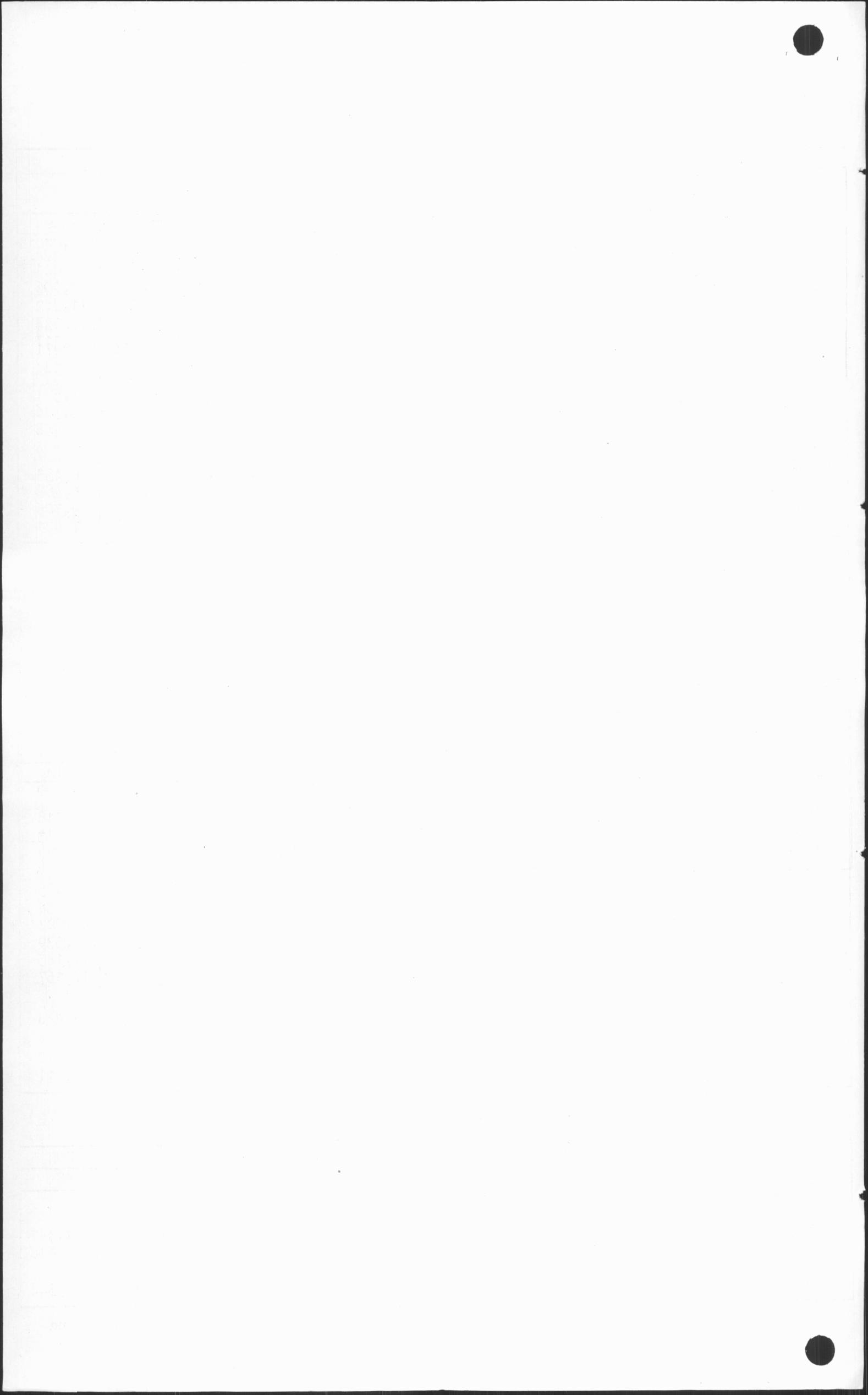
(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
<u>1958 -</u>										
March Qr.	904	2,943	4	10	371	896	-	-	1,279	3,849
June Qr.	945	3,174	8	21	470	1,100	1	2	1,424	4,297
Sept. Qr.	821	2,762	11	33	461	1,114	1	1	1,294	3,910
Dec. Qr.	1,094	3,622	18	51	633	1,437	1	1	1,746	5,111

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	MARCH		Three Months ended MARCH	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
GOLD				
Quantity	Fine oz.	65,408	65,420	194,368
Value (Aust. Currency) (a)	£.	1,022,002	1,022,190	3,036,386
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	68,750	-	218,750
				197,947 3,092,916
				227,344

(a) Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Limited and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.



RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH		MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Metropolitan Area	2941	3000	3019	2986	2712	2770	2729	2758
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3173	3249	3194	3224	2630	2679	2627	2665
Northam	3088	3088	3128	3093	2693	2711	2702	2712
Bunbury	3151	3059	3146	3088	2782	2805	2762	2796
Geraldton	3215	3258	3232	3241	2931	2994	2928	2971
Collie	3180	3146	3182	3175	2519	2528	2514	2533

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private
Domestics, Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service
Trainees in Camp).

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1957:</u>				<u>1958 (cont.):</u>			
March	140.0	45.5	185.5	March	139.5	46.0	185.5
April	139.4	45.0	184.4	April	139.0	45.9	184.9
May	138.9	45.1	184.0	May	138.7	45.9	184.6
June	138.4	44.5	182.9	June	138.6	45.8	184.4
July	138.0	44.8	182.8	July	138.0	45.8	183.8
August	138.1	44.9	183.0	August	138.3	46.1	184.4
September	138.4	45.2	183.6	September	138.8	46.4	185.2
October	138.7	45.3	184.0	October	139.2	46.4	185.6
November	139.2	45.8	185.0	November	139.0	46.7	185.7
December	138.9	46.1	185.0	December	139.3	47.0	186.3
<u>1958:</u>				<u>1959:</u>			
January	139.0	45.3	184.3	January	139.3	46.5	185.8
February	138.7	45.7	184.4	February	139.2	46.7	185.9

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
January	226	237	241	232	231	226
February	228	240	241	235	233	227
March	231	242	240	236	234	
April	230	243	239	234	233	
May	231	242	238	234	230	
June	230	239	235	231	228	
July	230	238	231	229	226	
August	230	239	230	229	226	
September	232	241	233	232	226	
October	233	241	233	232	227	
November	234	243	233	233	228	
December	233	242	232	232	227	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
27/4/59	13. 15. 1	8. 18. 10	13. 14. 6	8. 18. 5	13. 11. 6	8. 16. 6

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
February, 1959	10,249	1,317	80,823	29,594	11,364
February, 1958	9,153	576	57,466	28,730	14,323
8 Months ended February, 1959	111,026	9,309	758,146	605,964	124,948
8 Months ended February, 1958	86,778	4,496	462,701	513,483	132,963

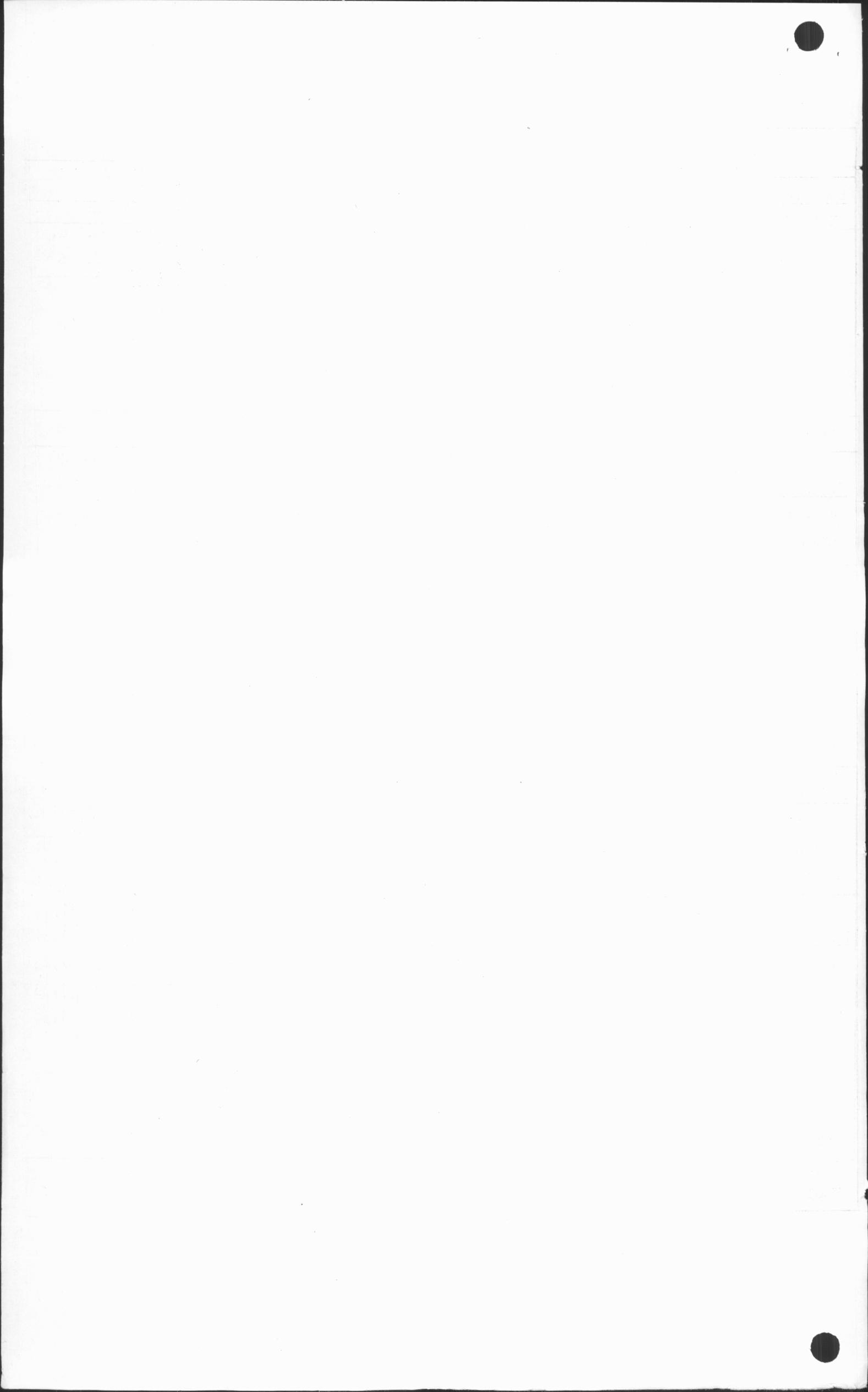
ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro- politan	Rest of State	Metro- politan	Rest of State	Metro- politan	Rest of State	Metro- politan	Rest of State	Metro- politan	Rest of State
1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
1957	6,150	2,193	2,244	976	8,394	3,169	87	65	2,733	1,335
1958	6,614	2,077	2,412	1,039	9,026	3,116	80	103	2,990	1,488
<u>1959 -</u>										
January*	447	213	194	96	641	309	6	9	249	169
February	459	126	199	81	658	207	5	7	265	118
Two Months ended February	906	339	393	177	1,299	516	11	16	514	287

* Figures revised.



MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

(SUBJECT TO REVISION)

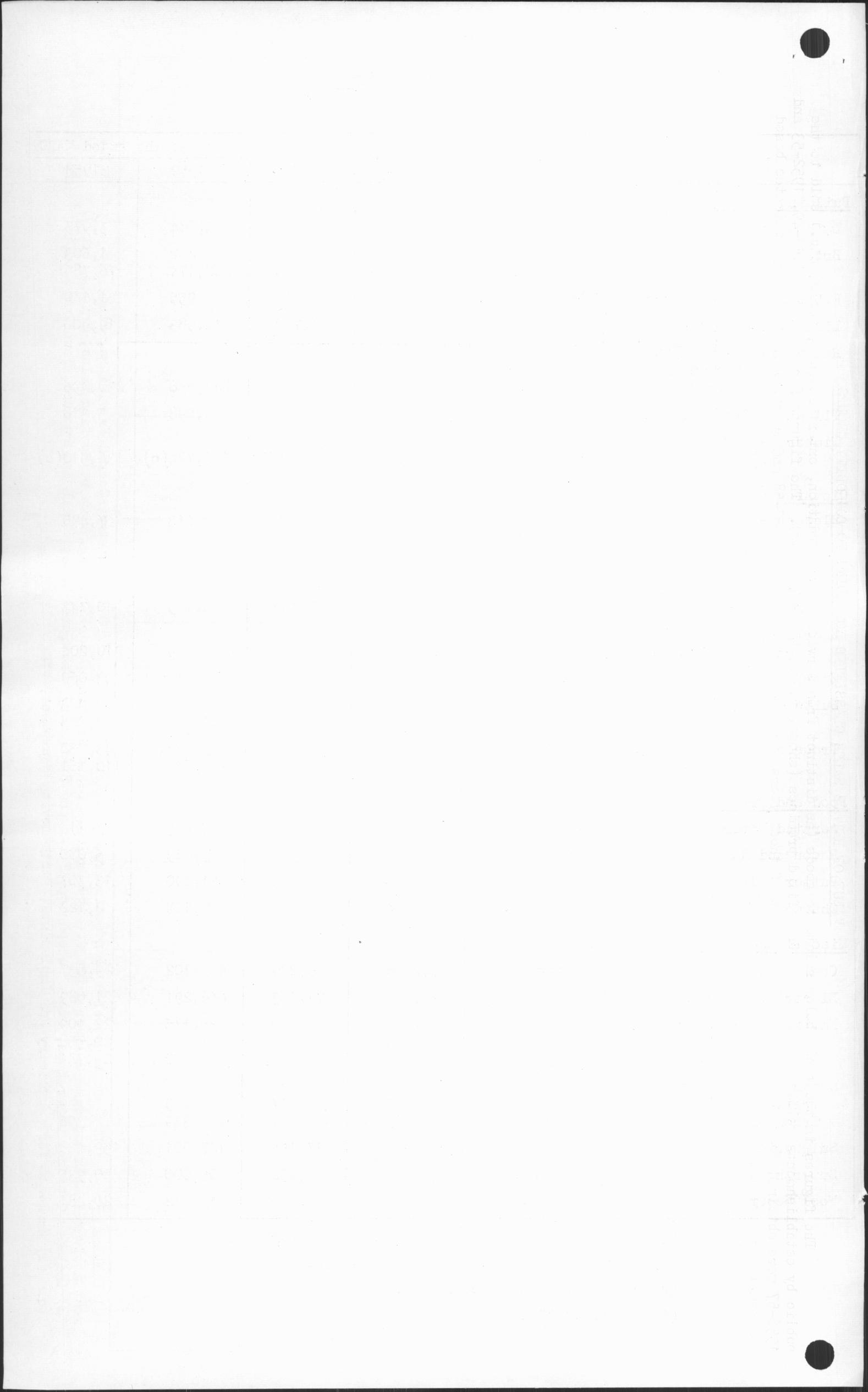
Item	Unit	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	465	386	3,884	3,977
Bricks - Cement	'000	60	108	892	1,603
- Clay	"	7,395	7,958	68,174	76,786
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	104	115	955	1,140
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,075	1,778	16,983	19,900
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	23,936	29,102	217,658	230,496
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	538	519	4,098	5,318
Timber, - Sawn (from Local Logs) (a)	'000 sup. ft.	17,193(b)	17,090(b)	141,724(c)	136,512(c)
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	982	940	7,613	7,475
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	1,077	1,234	9,359	7,602
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	3,970	3,469	43,105	40,743
Shorts - Leisure, Walk and Work - Men's and Boys'	number	16,898	21,444	225,729	210,204
Sports Coats - Men's	"	93	253	2,013	3,060
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	"	31	54	500	823
2 piece	"	1,188	1,173	11,920	13,225
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	4,345	5,098	43,163	43,432
- Work	"	15,969	13,102	112,644	110,161
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallon	444	375	3,445	(d)
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	586	566	5,025	5,080
Butter	"	179	165	11,890	13,307
Cheese	"	97	80	2,168	2,122
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Coal	ton	74,238	69,229	660,702	629,837
Electricity Generated	'000 K.W.H.	73,800	71,163	648,291	621,089
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	2,938	2,840	25,175	22,109
- Woven Wire	"	923	1,474	17,423	20,758
- Soft Filled	"	3,046	5,227	26,072	29,741
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Trailers (all types)	"	31	17	209	99
Truck Trays	"	43	47	339	356
Sulphuric Acid	ton	20,330	17,165	147,821	159,428
Superphosphate	ton	57,366	47,232	406,000	440,935
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,491	2,206	19,912	20,481

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(b) February figures, March not available.

(c) Eight months ended February.

(d) Not available.



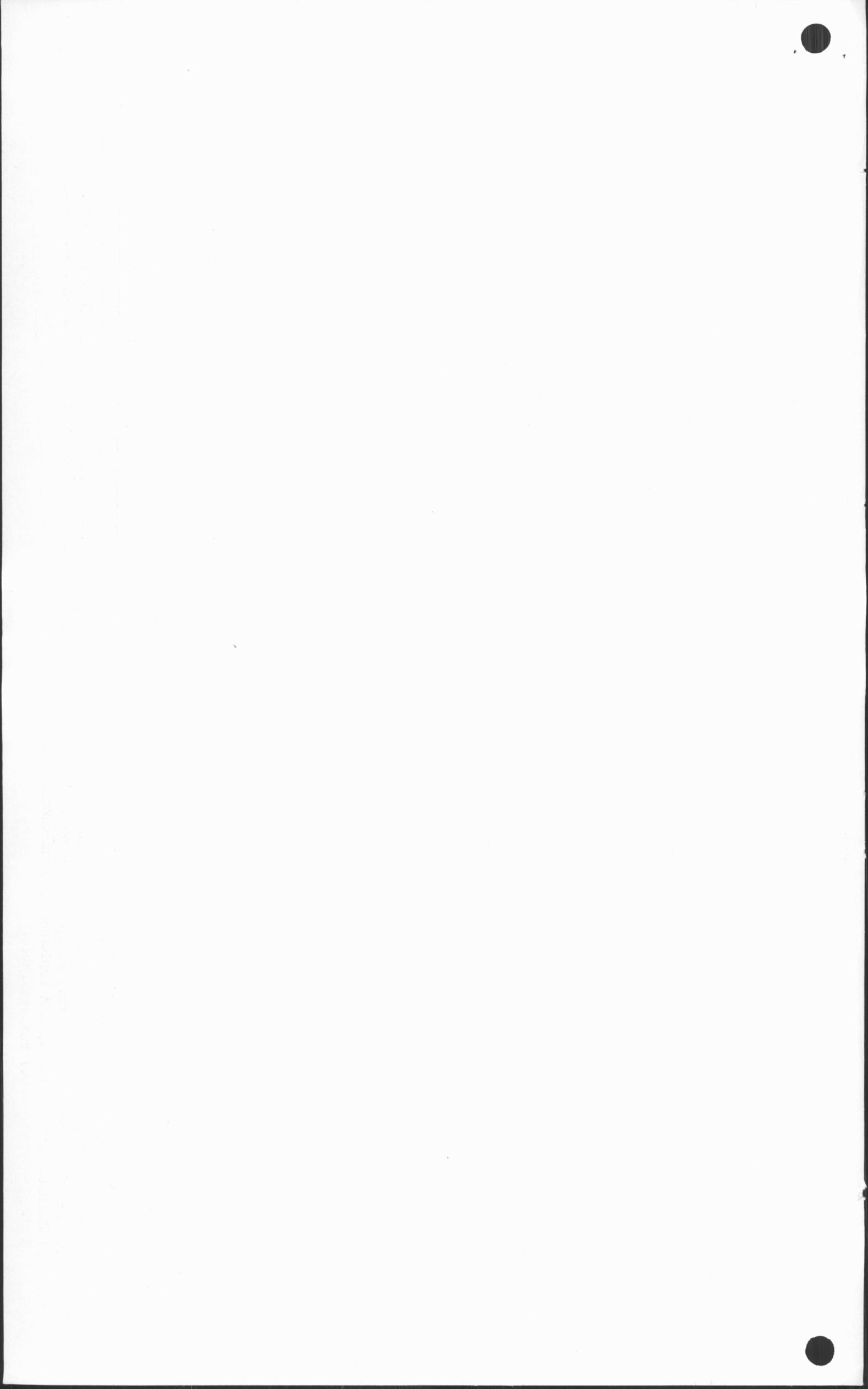
VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The figures for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for 1957-58 and quarterly periods are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision when final results of the 1956-57 Census of Retail Establishments are available.

(£ Million)

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods and Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (b)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (c)	Total Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	24.7	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	28.1	10.1	7.5	6.1	30.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	29.1	11.5	20.6	17.9	29.3	12.1	8.1	6.7	33.7	169.0	58.1
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.2	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	8.0	36.4	11.5
1956	6.7	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	8.1	38.3	12.2
1957	6.6	2.6	5.0	4.5	6.0	2.8	1.8	1.5	8.5	39.3	11.6
1958	7.1	2.8	5.3	5.0	6.2	2.9	2.0	1.5	9.0	41.8	14.7
June Qtr.											
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.6	8.0	37.2	12.4
1956	7.0	2.7	4.4	3.5	7.3	2.7	1.5	1.4	7.9	38.4	10.6
1957	7.0	2.8	5.0	3.9	7.4	3.0	1.8	1.6	8.2	40.7	12.7
1958	7.4	2.9	5.2	4.2	7.6	2.9	1.7	1.7	8.7	42.3	14.7
Sept. Qtr.											
1955	6.5	2.6	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.6	1.8	1.6	7.0	36.5	12.9
1956	6.7	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.6	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.9	36.7	10.6
1957	7.0	2.9	4.8	3.9	6.8	2.8	1.8	1.7	7.4	39.1	13.7
Dec. Qtr.											
1955	6.9	2.5	4.7	4.1	8.0	3.0	2.6	1.7	8.5	42.0	13.3
1956	7.1	2.6	4.9	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.7	8.2	42.2	11.7
1957	7.6	2.9	5.3	4.8	8.7	3.5	2.6	1.8	8.6	45.8	15.0

(a) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (b) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.).
 (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc.



AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1958												1959		
		Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		
<u>FRUIT</u>																
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.				
Oranges - Navel	bush.	41. 9	28. 0	21. 2	12. 10	13. 3	11. 10	13. 7	14. 1	19. 5	22. 4	23. 6	20. 10	23. 6		
- Val.	bush.	-	-	31. 9	27. 5	29. 7	34. 0	38. 5	40. 6	51. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bananas - Local	lb.	27. 9	34. 2	32. 7	-	-	30. 4	33. 6	30. 9	36. 7	39. 11	40. 3	43. 6	40. 9		
Apples - G. Smith	bush.	11	1. 1	1. 2	1. 2	1. 3	1. 4	1. 3	1. 3	1. 1	1. 1	1. 0	8	8		
- Other	bush.	18. 5	30. 11	28. 0	25. 2	30. 6	28. 7	27. 3	27. 7	36. 6	54. 6	-	-	16. 9		
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	27. 4	37. 1	35. 3	34. 1	39. 2	41. 10	34. 0	43. 6	49. 6	49. 6	33. 6	24. 7	20. 10		
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	30. 6	31. 2	-	-	27. 2	25. 3	-	-	-	-	29. 0	16. 10	16. 11		
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42. 2	28. 3	35. 11	-	-		
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	27. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24. 11	22. 6	29. 0		
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	29. 2	46. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24. 3	18. 6	17. 6	22. 8		
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	20. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23. 4	19. 8	16. 4	20. 5		
	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	24. 6	25. 0	29. 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20. 2	19. 7	24. 10		
<u>VEGETABLES</u>																
Cabbage	crate #	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.				
Cauliflowers	dozen	6. 4	5. 10	6. 10	7. 0	7. 3	6. 1	5. 2	5. 2	6. 0	5. 5	9. 4	13. 8	16. 7		
Lettuce	crate	16. 1	18. 4	11. 0	14. 6	19. 2	15. 8	6. 7	18. 2	16. 8	-	-	18. 10	13. 10		
Table Celery	doz. head	11. 10	12. 11	7. 6	10. 6	7. 9	9. 6	7. 5	7. 1	8. 0	9. 9	14. 2	8. 3	8. 10		
Beetroot	cwt.	13. 3	12. 5	10. 11	12. 1	8. 4	8. 7	9. 2	6. 6	9. 10	9. 9	7. 7	8. 2	7. 4		
Carrots	cwt.	33. 2	34. 10	26. 1	32. 11	35. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	33. 11	35. 5	50. 0	66. 3		
Parsnips	cwt.	37. 11	33. 10	20. 8	20. 7	17. 6	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	27. 11	32. 5	46. 2	64. 7		
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag	50. 2	55. 11	48. 0	51. 7	46. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	51. 11	67. 10	93. 7	112. 4		
Swedes	cwt.	5. 2	5. 7	5. 11	6. 9	5. 1	5. 1	5. 6	7. 3	9. 6	9. 4	11. 1	15. 3	12. 7		
Runner Beans	lb.	40. 0	28. 10	26. 2	22. 8	20. 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	43. 7	56. 10	*62. 0	58. 2		
Peas	lb.	9	5	11	1. 3	1. 5	1. 4	1. 6	1. 0	11	8	1. 1	11	1. 1		
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	1. 5	1. 5	1. 4	1. 10	1. 4	1. 1	11	8	9	11	1. 7	1. 9	1. 3		
Pumpkin	bag	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	7	7	5		
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	15. 6	15. 1	13. 7	12. 11	14. 1	14. 7	13. 4	30. 11	56. 8	65. 9	33. 5	18. 1	16. 10		
Onions (a)	ton	23. 0	22. 7	24. 6	28. 11	15. 0	14. 7	30. 2	35. 8	23. 3	14. 6	13. 8	15. 10			
Potatoes (b)	ton	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	-	-	-	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0		

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

* Revised.

(c) Not available.

ANALYSTS REPORT

100%

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Item	1958												1959	
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	
	£. s. d.													
<u>Good Quality Sheep</u>														
Suckers	-	-	-	-	4.14. 1	3.18. 6	3. 6. 9	3. 3. 9	3. 2. 1	-	-	-	-	-
Lambs - In Wool	4. 2. 8	3.19.11	4. 9. 1	4.15. 0	4.11. 8	3.14. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.13. 7
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	3.13. 3	3. 4. 9	-	3. 2. 4	2.18. 0	3. 0. 9	3. 4. 2	3.16. 5	-	
Hoggets - In Wool	3.14. 8	3. 9. 8	3.11.11	-	3.19.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2. 7. 7	2. 9. 1	2.11. 3	3. 0. 4	-	
Ewes - In Wool	2. 9. 3	2.10. 1	2.13. 4	2.18.11	2.17. 2	2.17. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.18. 5
- Shorn	-	-	-	2. 1. 1	1.19. 3	1.14. 9	1.15. 6	1. 9. 9	1. 8. 2	1.12. 1	1.13.11	1.18. 6	-	
Wethers - In Wool	3. 9. 2	3. 4. 1	3. 8. 7	3.13. 2	3. 3. 3	3. 0. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2. 7. 4
- Shorn	-	-	-	2.15. 9	2.10. 0	2. 6. 7	2. 6. 4	1.16. 3	1.16. 8	1.19. 3	2. 4. 5	2. 7. 5	-	
<u>Good Quality Cattle</u>														
Baby Beef	28. 5. 8	30. 8. 8	37. 2. 4	35.13. 5	35.14.10	33.17. 2	31.14. 7	29. 0. 2	28.17.10	27. 1.10	28. 2. 8	29. 4. 9	31.14. 4	
Heifers	32. 9. 2	35. 9. 3	41. 2. 6	40.12. 8	38. 7. 3	38. 4. 7	35.18. 1	34. 2. 4	34. 0. 4	33. 8. 7	37. 5.11	-	-	
Cows	39.15. 1	41.12. 4	43.10. 5	43.13. 1	42.14. 1	42. 1. 1	39.18. 9	39.16.11	39.11. 3	39. 4.10	40. 3. 3	40. 3.11	42. 8. 7	
Steers	41. 4. 1	44. 7. 9	48.13. 2	46.18. 5	46.14.11	47. 5. 0	44.17. 9	45. 5. 6	42.13. 5	42.15. 9	43. 0. 0	44. 1. 0	45. 5. 7	
Bullocks	-	53.18. 9	-	52.10. 7	46.10. 7	60. 9. 4	56. 4. 5	54. 8. 0	48.16. 1	44.16. 9	-	-	-	
<u>Good Quality Pigs</u>														
Slips	2.19. 1	3. 0. 0	3. 0.11	3.18. 4	4. 5. 1	4. 9.11	4.14.11	4.16. 4	4. 9.10	5. 0. 9	5.14.11	4.18. 5	5. 4. 7	
Porkers	7. 5. 6	6.16. 2	7. 6. 8	8. 8. 4	8. 6.10	8.10. 1	8. 6.11	9. 3. 7	8.18. 0	9. 2. 9	9. 6. 4	9. 1. 3	8.17. 5	
Baconers	11.15. 7	11.11.11	11.18. 7	13. 2. 9	13. 2. 9	13. 6. 6	14. 0. 0	14. 6.11	14. 5. 2	14. 4. 4	14. 7. 7	14.11.10	13.18. 3	

